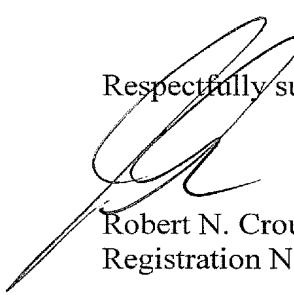


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Final Office Action. In response, Applicants have cancelled rejected independent Claim 11 thereby removing all further issues for consideration as the remaining pending claims are allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all pending claims in due course. If any informal matters arise, Applicants urge the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (919) 854-1400 to resolve any issues.

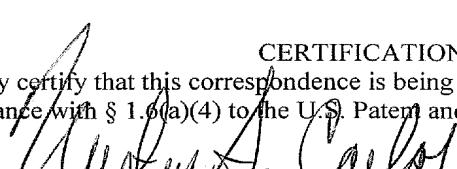
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